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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, KS, US
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO KIM DONG-JO

1. DURING COURSE OF ANOTHER CONVERSATION (SEE SEPTTEL). DCM
RAISED WITH ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS RHIE MUN YONG, QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR KIM'S
DIALOGUE WITH MR JAWORSKI. DCM URGED THAT SAID
DIALOGUE TAKE PLACE, BUT TOLD THAT THERE WAS STRONG
PREFERENCE FOR STATE DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY,
SPECIFICALLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S NAME WAS
MENTIONED. APPARENTLY ROKG IS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
RISKS OF A "HARD LINE" FROM JAWORSKI AND WOULD PREFER
TO HAVE A MIDDLE MAN, NOT ONLY FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES
BUT AS A POTENTIAL "FALL GUY" SHOULD MATTERS GO AWRY.

2. IN RESPONSE, DCM SAID THAT IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT AMBASSADOR KIM WOULD NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY
WITH CONGRESS AND THAT SINCE HE HAD SPOKEN TO SPEAKER
O'NEILL, DCM SAID HE DID NOT SEE WHY HE COULD NOT
CONDUCT A DIALOGUE WITH JAWORSKI. RHIE SAID THAT SUCH
AN EMBASSY-CONGRESS DIALOGUE HAD BEEN QUESTIONED IN A
CRITICAL WAY DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE. DCM
SUGGESTED THAT THAT SHOULD NOT BE AN OVERRIDING CON-
SIDERATION ON AN ISSUE OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE.

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3. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 95854 WHICH REFLECTS
EQUALLY WEAK-KNEED POSTURE OF PARK TONG-JIN. GIVEN
BOX WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER GOT HIMSELF INTO ON DATING
OF MY BUGGING LETTER, I CAN SEE LITTLE HOPE HE WILL BE
RESPONSIVE TO MY REMONSTRATIONS AND GIVE KIM ANY BIT
OF SUPPORT ON SEEING JAWORSKI. W WILL MAKE ANOTHER

TRY THRU KCIA, BUT IT IS HESITANT ABOUT GETTING
DIRECTLY INVOLVED UNTIL IT IS CLEAR FOREIGN MINISTER
HAS COMPLETELY LOUSED UP. ON OTHER HAND, WITH A FEW
DAYS COOLING OFF AFTER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WE MAY HAVE
BETTER SUCCESS LOCALLY.
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